

Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

February 8, 2023

Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention
Elana Merriweather (Vice-Chair), Council on Substance Abuse
April Knight, Northwest MHC
Brandon Folks, ADMH
Candy Gaff, Susie Kingry, Melissa Kirkland, Wade Lewis, SpectraCare
Carie Wimberly, Addiction Prevention Coalition
Cheryl Winston, OMNI
Christopher Sellers, ADMH
Corlina Koranda, PRIDE
Eden Griffin, OMNI
Erin Burleson, Prevention Consultant
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House
Jessica Baldwin, East Alabama MHC
L'Tanya Green, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center
Melissa Kirkland, SpectraCare
Nancy Bishop, AL Department of Public Health
Nicole Shine, PRIDE
Rachel Lewis, OMNI
Sam Griggs, CED MHC
Satavia Mann, ADMH
Shai Markris, AltaPointe
Staci Wilson, South Central MHC
Susie Kingry, SpectraCare
Sylvia Walker, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center
Vandlyn Pierre, Drug Education Council
Wade Lewis, SpectraCare

I. CALL TO ORDER: The SPAB/AEOW Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Seyram Selase, Chair.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Agenda – motioned by April Knight
Seconded by Gloria Howard

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent out.

Minutes – motioned by Sam Griggs
Seconded by Vandlyn Pierre

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates from the Office of Prevention –

Brandon Folks discussed that the Strategic Plan had been submitted to SPAB membership for review and approval for FY 2023- 2026.

The funding allocation model is nearing the stages of completion and will be submitted to the SPAB for review, with prevention providers being excluded. Block Grant RFP will be released by this Spring.

National Prevention Network National Meeting will be held August 15-17, 2023, host location of BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama.

The funding model indicates the approved funding amount for each county. All prevention agencies will be excluded from the review and approval of the funding model. SPAB updated membership list is on the ADMH website.

Old Business –

No questions/comments

New Business –

ARPA Opioid Settlement Funding Proposal

Brief discussion summary: Prevention agencies were not included; the proposal was sent by Chris Retan, Aletheia House Executive Director. Gloria Howard was able to provide clarity for all SPAB members. The SPAB does not support the proposal document sent. The SPAB committee will follow the recommendation given to the governor within the seven priorities provided within the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council.

SPAB Vice-Chair reelection was suggested; this item will be added to the agenda during the May meeting.

SPAB membership composition was discussed by Brandon Folks. Brandon suggested including all sectors like DFC grants to ensure full representation for votes needing a SPAB representative.

Seyram Selase will send a list of the 12 sectors for review.

Brandon Folks will send members the SPAB bylaws and membership list for review.

Gloria recommended that if we have proposed bylaw changes, please send those before the May meeting for review.

OMNI provided the SPAB members with an overview of highlights from the Block Grant Annual Report and the AL Statewide survey for young adults. Complete annual reports and statewide data overview for each county is forthcoming.

Jessica Baldwin asked about catchment area data for providers. OMNI discussed providing all agencies with the data for upcoming block grant RFP submission.

V. PROVIDER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None provided at this meeting.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING: Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:58 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: May 3rd – 10:00 am.